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REMARKS

This is in response to the *Non-Final* Office Action of July 25, 2007, where the Examiner has allowed claims 21-23, 25-37, 39-51 and 53-83, rejected claims 1, 4, 5, 9-14 and 16, and objected to claims 2-10, 15 and 17. By the present Amendment and Response, applicant has amended claims 1, 14, 16, 30, 58, 63, 65, 68, 70 and 73, cancelled claims 3, 15 and 17, and added new claim 84. After the present Amendment and Response, claims 1, 2, 4-14, 16, 21-23, 25-37, 39-51 and 53-84 are pending in the present application. An early Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 2, 4-14, 16, 21-23, 25-37, 39-51 and 53-84 in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

A. Objection to Claims 63, 65, 68 and 70

The Examiner has objected to claims 63, 65, 68 and 70 for grammatical errors. It is respectfully submitted that, by the present amendment, applicant has amended claims 63, 65, 68 and 70 to overcome the Examiner's objection to claims 63, 65, 68 and 70.

B. Rejection of Claims 1, 4, 5, 9-14 and 16 under 35 USC § 101

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 5, 9-14 and 16, under 35 USC § 101, as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully disagrees; however, in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 2, amended independent claim 14 to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 15, and amended independent claim 16 to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 17.

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Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 14 and 16, as amended, overcome the Examiner's rejection, under 35 USC § 101, at least based on the Examiner's statement that claims 2, 15 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Further, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4, 5 and 9-13 depend from claim 1, as amended, and should also be in condition for allowance.

C. Rejection of Claims 1, 11, 12 and 16 under 35 USC § 102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 11, 12 and 16, under 35 USC § 102(b), as being anticipated by Teronai, et al. (JP 11-175022) ("Teronai").

Applicant respectfully submits that for the reasons stated above, independent claims 1 and 16, as amended, are now in condition for allowance. Also, it is respectfully submitted that claims 11 and 12 depend from claim 1, as amended, and should also be in condition for allowance.

D. Rejection of Claim 13 under 35 USC §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claim 13, under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Teronai.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 13 depends from claim 1, as amended, and should be in condition for allowance for the reasons stated above.

E. New Claim 84

By the present amendment, applicant has added a new independent claim 84. Applicant respectfully submits independent claim 84 includes all of the limitations of claim 1 and claim 3,

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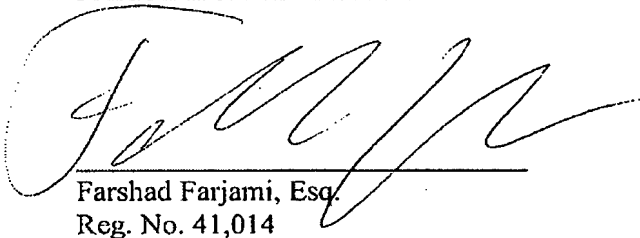
and should be allowed based on the Examiner's statement that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

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F. Conclusion

Based on the foregoing reasons, an early Notice of Allowance directed to all claims 1, 2, 4-14, 16, 21-23, 25-37, 39-51 and 53-84 pending in the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,
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